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PETITION FOR FILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Attention: Ms. Stokes

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

A divisional application to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/694,397 was filed March 26, 1998 by a CPA application with requisite filing fee. A copy of the papers and the postcard filing receipt for that filing is attached. It has been noted that the application was inadvertently filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). The application was meant to be filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Applicants request that the divisional application which was filed March 26, 1998 be treated as an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

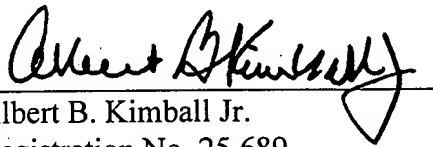
Upon receipt of the patent in the parent case (U.S. Patent No. 5,900,195) and after review of the file of the divisional case, it came to the attention of the undersigned that no correspondence had been received from the Patent Office since the filing of the divisional application in March 1998. After checking with Ms. Stokes in the Customer Service Division, it was discovered that the application was inadvertently filed under 1.53(d) instead of 1.53(b).

Applicants respectfully request that the divisional application filing basis be changed to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

The fee of \$130.00 for this petition is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0259.

Respectfully submitted,



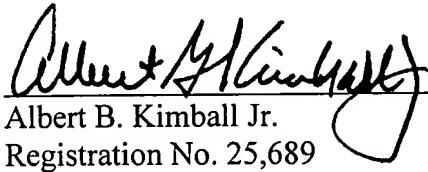


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